

City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

4:15 PM

City Hall, Room 209

Board of Health

Call To Order

PRESENT: 8 - William Little M.D., Sarah Fouse Ph.D., Mohammed Rafiullah M.D., John Berge Ph.D., Maria Morales, Robert Mozol, Raymond DeHahn and Mary Sollman

**Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2008 Board of Health Meeting
(No Quorum for June 10, 2008 Meeting)**

A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Mohammed Rafiullah, M.D., that the Minutes be Approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Presentations/Miscellaneous

Sarah Clemons, coordinator for the Racine on the Lake Tobacco Free Coalition, presented an overview of the new recommendations in the United States Public Health Service Clinical Practice Guideline Update: "Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence" that was released on May 7, 2008. (A letter from the Wisconsin Division of Public Health to the PH Physicians Network outlining the new recommendations was distributed. Copies are available upon request at the City Hall, Racine Public Health Department, Room 106.)

A discussion was held on overall insurance reimbursement for smoking cessation and available benefits for City employees.

Pat Anderson, PHN, introduced Marcia Rottino, PHN; Deborah Pasha, Regional Public Health Nursing Consultant for the Division of Public Health out of the Milwaukee office; and Kim Wagner, a new Public Health Nurse that started at the City of Racine Health Department on June 17, 2008. Kim is working 3 days a week doing prenatal care coordination, lead tests, immunizations and child car seat safety checks. Kim recently attended a state safety car seat certification program.

Pat Anderson, PHN, discussed the importance of the Public Health Nurses role in Public Health. Pat distributed a tuberculosis pamphlet (available upon request) and explained the different stages of TB and how they need to be treated. Pat presented a case history of an active TB case that the City of Racine Health Department Public Health Nurses were involved with. The case showed the concern and dedication of the Public Health Nurses to the client over a several month period and how it resulted in successful treatment for the client.

Grant Status Review

[08-2370](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Grant Status Report.

Attachments: [GRANT UPDATES](#)

Old Business**New Business**

Alderman Robert Mozol would like the subject of a mandatory yearly physical for City employees brought up at the next meeting of the Committee on Health Care.

Marcia Fernholz spoke on the benefits of the Wellness Program. Marcia offered to provide copies of the current Wellness Committee Recommendations and the current City employee benefits for physicals.

A motion was made by Alderman Raymond DeHahn, seconded by John Berge, Ph.D., that a discussion regarding mandatory yearly physicals for City employees be put on the August Board of Health Agenda.

08-1945

Subject: Communication from Alderman DeHahn, 7th District, requesting the existing vicious dog ordinance be revised.

Recommendation from the Board of Health on 07-08-08: That the existing vicious dog ordinance not be revised.

After consulting the City Attorney and Environmental Health Director it was agreed that the City of Racine does not have the resources to enforce the change in the existing vicious animal ordinance.

A motion was made by Alderman Raymond DeHahn, seconded by John Berge, Ph.D., that this be Recommended for Denial. The motion Passed by a Voice Vote.

08-2240

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with Independent Care Health Plan (iCare). (Res.08-0863)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 06-09-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign a contract with Independent Care Health Plan (iCare) allowing the City of Racine Health Department to be reimbursed for services provided to clients with HMOs.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on 07-08-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign a contract with Independent Care Health Plan (iCare) allowing the City of Racine Health Department to be reimbursed for services provided to clients with HMOs.

Fiscal Note: Approval will allow the Health Department to bill through Medicare.

Attachments: [2008 iCare HMO](#)

A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Alderman Raymond DeHahn, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

08-2289

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with United Healthcare of Wisconsin, Inc. (Res. 08-0940)

(Also refer to the Board of Health.)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

06-23-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with United Healthcare of Wisconsin, Inc. for medicare reimbursement.

Recommendation of the Board of Health on 07-08-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with United Healthcare of Wisconsin, Inc. for medicare reimbursement.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [2008 UHC MOU](#)

A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Alderman Raymond DeHahn, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Reports

[08-2371](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) June monthly reports from the Public Health Administrator and Division Managers.

Attachments: [PHA Rep](#)
[CHP Rep](#)
[CHP Rev](#)
[Tob MCH WWWP](#)
[HBO Rep](#)
[EH Rep](#)
[EH Rev](#)
[Lab Rep](#)

Public Health Administrator - Janelle Grammer has been working on the mid-year and (June) end of year grants. The Health Department has spent a large amount of time dealing with the flooding.

Community Health Program - Teri Hicks has been offered, and has accepted, the position as Director of Community Health. Teri is currently an Instructor of Nursing for Community Health at Concordia University. She has previous Public Health Nurse experience at DuPage County Health Department. Teri will start at the City of Racine on July 28, 2008.

Deborah Pasha, Regional Public Health Nursing Consultant, suggested that the monthly Community Health Report be updated to better demonstrate the magnitude of what the Health Department does and that a column be added to reflect new cases verses existing cases.

Tobacco, Maternal Child Health, Wisconsin Well Woman Program - The State is asking that the tobacco coalitions realign themselves to reduce the overall number of coalitions to less than thirty. The City of Racine has until the end of December to make a determination as to whether or not they wish to bring in the other two members of Racine County to form a tri-county coalition. A full time Coalition

Coordinator would be required. The federal funding will increase.

Environmental Health - Staff were on location once flood waters receded and provided information to the residents on how to prevent mold and clean out their basements. A booklet, "Repairing Your Flooded Home," for guidelines and resources was distributed. There were approximately 165 homes damaged. Many homes were not covered by flood insurance. Information and clean-up kits are still available for those in need.

Dr. Berge brought up two recent studies that showed high lead levels cause shrinkage of the brain and an increased risk for violent behavior. Marcia Fernholz showed a copy of the State of Wisconsin's report, "Legacy of Lead Report", (available on-line) which shows where we are at with lead poisoning in the State of Wisconsin. The recommendation from the State Advisory Council is to lower the action lead level to 10. Currently, a mandatory environmental investigation is required when the levels are at 2 levels of 15 - 19 or 1 level above 20. The City of Racine is currently doing environmental investigations at a lead level of 12. Environmental also provides education and outreach at the lead levels of 5 - 9 in an effort to lower the levels.

Laboratory - The City has a new intern from England who will be spending the Summer doing investigative work and sampling. Dr. Kinzelman is currently speaking in Belfast, Ireland, and continues to speak internationally on the subject of PCR and real-time testing.

A motion was made by Raymond DeHahn, seconded by Sarah Fouse, Ph.D., that the monthly reports be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by John Berge, Ph.D., seconded by Alderman Raymond DeHahn, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.